

Application No. 09/867,323

REMARKS

In the Office Action, Claims 1-17 are rejected. Claim 1, from which all of the pending claims are ultimately dependent, is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Usui. Claims 1, 2, 4-14, and 16 are rejected as anticipated by this reference as well. In the above amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation that there are **three** photosites in the first linear array corresponding to each one photosite in the second linear array. As such, Claim 1 now recites a limitation that was mentioned in Claim 10 or 11 as originally filed. Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under the same rejection as was Claim 1 as originally filed.

Possible embodiments of claim 1 as amended are shown at Figure 9, 10, and 11 of the Specification as filed.

Neither the primary reference, Usui, nor any other reference cited or mentioned in the rejection discloses the claimed feature of a three-to-one correspondence between photosites in the first and second linear arrays. All of the references show no more than a two-to-one correspondence. Absent such a disclosure, claim 1 as amended, along with its dependent claims, is patentable over any of the references.

Claim 17 has been rejected as being obvious in view of Usui. Claim 17 is deemed allowable as being dependent from claim 1, the patentability of which has been argued above.

Claims 3 and 15 have been rejected as being obvious in view of Usui and further in view of Spears. Claim 3 and 15 are deemed allowable as being dependent from claim 1, the patentability of which has been argued above.

In the above Amendment, new claims 18-22 have been added. These claims are deemed allowable as implying the limitations of claim 1 as amended.

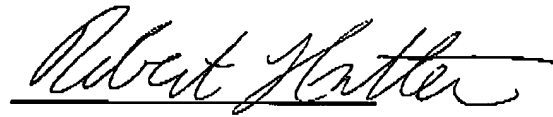
The claims are therefore in condition for allowance.

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No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (585) 423-3811, Rochester, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

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